

ATI EVENTS

News Across Campus



December



Birthdays:



Mike Borger	Dec. 3
Bruce Woodruff	11
Ken Cochran	11
Cherie Marthey	12
Beth Weaver	17
Joshua Brownson	17
Charles Cummings	22
Richard King	24
Greg Gordon	26
Tom Mulligan	30
Steve Neal	30
Mike Pattison	30
Fred Myers	30



Office of the Interim Director

Earlier this week I participated in an all-day College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences Cabinet/Chairs Retreat. Although the majority of time

was spent reviewing progress on agreements made at a March retreat, one of the exercises was to submit "dream goals" for each unit in the College.

I presented these five items for ATI:

1. Develop a transitional leadership plan and plan for replacing faculty, especially in areas where there is one in an area of specialty.
2. Improve globalization of curriculum and faculty expertise.
3. Increase diversity of faculty, staff and students.
4. Provide opportunities for faculty to develop skills for using instructional technology to improve instructional effectiveness.
5. Having facilities (housing, classrooms, laboratories, etc.) to accommodate enrollment increases.

I would welcome your reaction (agree, disagree, added items, etc.) to this list of goals.

ATI Enjoys Good Image

I have recently been in several meetings in the community in which I have experienced, first hand, several compliments about the Institute rapport in the community. Thanks to all of you who take active roles in a variety of community activities. As is usual, your actions are speaking very loudly. THANKS!!

Institutional Services

Fire Safety Inspection

Recent fire inspections reminds me that many of you might not know and/or would like to know what kind of maintenance and inspections are completed annually on the ATI campus. The following is a brief summary:

1. ATI's three main buildings and the Dairy Barn at the Apple Creek Farm are quarterly tested by a fire systems contractor. Our most recent test was completed on Veteran's Day, November 11, with satisfactory test results.

We usually try to do this on a weekend or holiday when alarms can be sounded and not disrupt the campus.

2. Each year the Wooster Township Fire Department conducts fire inspections and walk-through of the campus. The most recent inspection was completed on October 28 of the housing facilities - Applewood Village and the Residence Hall. Some general hazards were noted and these are being addressed by HFS&EC, John Ryan and Allan Swank. Most of these relate to extension cords and burning candle violations, covered smoke detectors or their need for battery replacement.
3. Main building fire alarms are tested annually with a complete building evacuation.
4. Fire extinguishers are inspected annually with some being recharged and hydro tested.

A special thanks is due Greg Ferrell, Rich Nestor and Stan Kinney for coordinating these inspections. Thanks also to Matt Peart, Ray Cline, Jeff Strouse, John Ryan, Allan Swank, Dave Cartwright, and Greg Sautter for doing the follow-up and maintenance

needed to correct many of these problems.

Capital Allocation for FY2001-02

We have withdrawn our request for FY01 and FY02 capital allocation for the Hort Center. This means we will not be charged debt service on this money. We already have two rounds of funds which are there and can be used for planning and design contract work over the next two years. The funds will still be allocated to ATI's account and we will receive interest earnings on them until such time we request their use. This in no way eliminates or changes the priority or schedule for the Hort Center project.

OBR Technical Instructional Equipment

Clyde Eberhardt of OBR informed us recently that there should be instructional equipment funds available October 1, 2000. Although the amounts have not been determined, he anticipated ATI's allocations would be in the \$82,000 - \$84,000 range. Guidelines for equipment purchases will likely remain the same as before.

One Time Equipment Allocations

The funds released from the FY99 year-end reserve which is being used for equipment means we will order one new

sedan, one 15-passenger van, and a proxima. An additional \$25,000 will be used in the Spring to set up another new computer lab.

Reclassifications of Personnel

Currently there are five ATI reclassification requests at the College or Human Resources being reviewed and awaiting approval. In addition, three reclassification requests are on my desk awaiting my action and completion.

CEED

Pre-bid meeting for construction bidders is Wednesday, December 1.

CEED bids for construction are due December 15.

Equine

Site development has not started, as yet, because the contract documentation and award of contract is not complete.

Admissions Office

New Student Survey Results:

- ▶ 18% of our students attended a career center or JVS during high school. This parallels last year's total of 19%.
- ▶ 75% participated in FFA, 57% in 4-H, and

12% in some type of Tech Prep program.

- ▶ 52% did not use the Internet to research colleges. Of the 48% who *did* use the Web, 64% used computers at home, while 55% used computers at school.
- ▶ 35% of our new students come from farms; 11% come from cities/urban areas.
- ▶ 34% say they plan to transfer from Ohio State ATI to another school. 72% of those plan to transfer to the Columbus campus.
- ▶ As they do every year, students list a visit to our campus as the most influential factor in their decision to attend here.

December VisitATIon Day:

Guard your parking space on December 9! We've got a huge crowd expected for our Thursday visit day, including bus loads of students from various high school ag/hort classes. Again this year, we are providing transportation and special programming for minority students from Shaw High School in Cleveland.

Numbers: With 110 applications received so far for Autumn '00, we are down 18

from where we were last year at this time.

Continuing Education

Jan Elliott and Kim Sayers participated in some continuing education of their own in November. Both traveled to Lorain County Community College for a Classware course to learn the new registration and database software being used across the EnterpriseOhio Network business & industry offices.

Kim also attended the November 11 & 12 meetings of the Certification Landscape Technician Test Administrators and the National Landscape Technician Council. The meetings preceded the annual Green Industry Expo held in Baltimore.

Michael Geiger, DVM and ATI's Equine Veterinarian, along with the assistance of Brian Raimonde, will be offering a two-hour seminar on Saturday, December 4 in CE. The seminar, Preparing for the Breeding and Foaling Season, is open to the public and will provide participants with the chance to ask questions and discuss issues related to breeding and foaling.

Kim Sayers has been asked to join the Workforce Initiatives Committee of the Wayne Development Council. The committee meets monthly to focus on county-wide

workforce development needs.

Larry Bridges, a trainer/coach for CE in the ISO/QS 9000 arena, recently spent a year working with Empire Plow, in Cleveland, getting them ready for their ISO audit. The training was coordinated by CE and CAMP and partially funded through our OITP grant for ISO training. The following is an excerpt from a letter written by Larry:

Empire takes a lot of pride in implementing a quality program from scratch and passing their audit in less than a year. One of their foremen told me the effort has made his job a lot easier, and the quality of the product is noticeably more consistent. He's been with the company for years and years, and feels this will make a huge difference in their business.

That's what it's all about... providing a training and development program that makes such a positive impact!

Development Office

Brian Raimonde, Mark Thompson, and Becky Rader attended the Richland County Alumni Society Buckeye Bash on November 17 in Mansfield. The Bash prepared fans for the Buckeye's game against Michigan and featured the Ohio State Marching Band Pep Band, Pete Johnson, fullback for the Buckeyes 1974-1976,

and an auction of Ohio State goods that raised nearly \$10,000 for a Richland County scholarship endowment fund.

A side note in regards to the evening of the Bash, Brian Raimonde detained the Mayor of Mansfield for a short period of time. He held her up in the parking lot outside the Bash, while trying to park his truck. She was in the car behind him waiting impatiently for her parking place as he parked and re-parked his truck. She immediately hurried into the Bash after taking her parking place next to Brian with no comment. Those dually wheels will throw you off every time, I guess.

DAC...

A Development Advisory Council met for the first time on November 16. The DAC is comprised of local, as well as Columbus, small business and corporate representatives who are volunteering their efforts to help us in the area of development as well as the marketability of Ohio State ATI. In addition, we are sharing with them the functions of our office as well as university development and methods of giving. The first meeting was a success. We will be meeting quarterly and the next meeting is March 15, 2000.

Fill in the blank.

The third little piggy built his

house of _____. The big bad wolf huffed and puffed and couldn't blow his house down.

Visiting...

A pair of alumni/donors were excited to have been visited by a representative from Ohio State ATI over the Veteran's Day holiday. The development officer met with Candace Harker of Lexington, KY and Lori Ballenger of Eminence, KY. Both were anxious to visit and reminisce about the campus and both plan visits to the campus in the near future.

Throughout the month of November and December, the development office will be making trips and visits to past and prospective donors to Ohio State ATI.

Horticulture

Poinsettias will be on sale at the ATI Greenhouse on Friday, December 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Also, on Friday, the ATI Floral Shop will have a large selection of hand-crafted Christmas designs available for you.

Public Relations



Attached to this edition of ATI Events are two informational pieces: Y2K Update and OSU Y2K - How

Ready Are You?. OSU is trying to keep faculty, staff and students updated as to the Y2K issue.



Roger's Report

Please see Roger's Report attached to the back of this newsletter.

Upward Bound

The Upward Bound Program is pleased to announce that Victor Adegbola has accepted the position of Academic Advisor. Victor has a Masters of Education degree in Counseling from Ohio University and is a Licensed Social Worker. Most recently he has been an academic and career advisor at Columbus State. Victor has a wife and three teen-age children. The Academic Advisor position is a new, full-time, 12-month position that will enable the Upward Bound Program to better assess, encourage, and track the progress of each student. Victor will begin on December 6th.

On November 13, thirty Upward Bound students met at ATI for a day of workshops. Dr. Dana Bonezzi, a local specialist in internal medicine, spoke on medical careers and amazed everyone with her own

story of making it through medical school and residency. Computer workshops on word processing, spreadsheets, web page design, and college searches on the Internet were conducted, as well as workshops for each grade, 9-12, and a Student Council meeting. Sue-min Lee, who taught cooking in the summer program, opened her Chinese Gourmet Restaurant to host the group for a delicious buffet lunch.

Words of Wisdom

Being Responsible and Influence

Being responsible refers to the orientation a person has toward any given set of circumstances. When something happens our response is shaped by how we relate to the situation. When you and I are being responsible, we talk about it, think about and approach it from the point of view that we can do something about it. We interpret "responsible" quite literally: able to respond.

When we are not relating to a situation in this way, we tend to generate explanations and justifications for not acting. And in the moment when we choose to not be responsible for something, we give up our ability to make a difference with it.

Where might it make a

difference if you choose to take the point of view that you could respond and influence how things go?

"The price of greatness is responsibility." -
Winston Churchill

(Taken from occasional newsletter from CPD Consultants)

FYI

Check out this virtual reference desk :

<http://www.refdesk.com/index.html>

BOUNCE.... the stuff you use in your dryer:

- ▶ Repels mosquitoes. Tie a sheet of Bounce through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season.
- ▶ Eliminates static electricity from your television screen. Since Bounce is designed to help eliminate static cling, wipe your television screen with a used sheet of Bounce to keep dust from resettling.
- ▶ Dissolves soap scum from shower doors. Clean with a used sheet of Bounce.
- ▶ Freshens the air in your home. Place an individual sheet of Bounce in a drawer or hang one in the closet.
- ▶ Prevents thread from tangling. Run a threaded needle through a sheet of Bounce to eliminate the static cling on the thread before sewing.
- ▶ Eliminates static cling from pantyhose. Rub a damp, used sheet of Bounce over the hose.
- ▶ Prevents musty suitcases. Place an individual sheet of Bounce inside empty luggage before storing.
- ▶ Freshens the air in your car. Place a sheet of Bounce under the front seat.
- ▶ Cleans baked-on food from a cooking pan. Put a sheet in the pan, fill with water, and let sit overnight, and sponge clean. The anti-static agents apparently weaken the bond between the food and the pan while the fabric softening agents soften the baked-on food.
- ▶ Place a sheet of Bounce at the bottom of the wastebasket.
- ▶ Wipe the blinds with a sheet of Bounce to prevent dust from resettling.
- ▶ Wipes up sawdust from drilling or sandpapering. A used sheet of Bounce will collect sawdust like a tack cloth.

- ▶ Eliminates odors in dirty laundry. Place an individual sheet of Bounce at the bottom of a laundry bag or hamper.
- ▶ Deodorizes shoes or sneakers. Place a sheet of Bounce in your shoes or sneakers overnight so they'll smell great in the morning.
- ▶ Collects cat hair. Rubbing the area with a sheet of Bounce will magnetically attract all the loose hairs.

Just For A Chuckle

Two robins were sitting in a tree. "I'm really hungry," said the first one.

"Me, too" said the second. "Let's fly down and find some lunch."

They flew to the ground and found a nice plot of plowed ground full of worms. They ate and ate and ate 'til they could eat no more.

"I'm so full I don't think I can fly back up to the tree," said the first one. "Me either. Let's just lay here and bask in the warm sun," said the second.

"O.K." said the first. They plopped down, basking in the sun. No sooner than they had fallen asleep, a big fat tom cat snuck up and gobbled them up. As he sat washing his face after his meal, he thought,

get ready for this
groaner.....

"I love baskin' robins."

Y2K Update

Ohio State is taking a "risk reduction" approach to its Y2K readiness efforts. Bearing in mind the size of this university, the university is coordinating a distributed effort in which each college or administrative unit has overall responsibility for its own Y2K readiness.

Currently, the university is in Phase IV, the refinement phase of its preparations. This phase began on October 1, 1999, the initial goal date for the university to be Y2K ready. As of the goal date, nearly all of the 370 key university processes were reported as being Y2K ready. A planning team has been established to assist with and review contingency plans of the most critical processes. Given the complexity and interdependent nature of the problem, the university cannot guarantee that all priority processes will, in fact, be Y2K ready. The university has, however, also developed plans to mitigate the adverse impact of any Y2K-related problems that may occur.

As a precaution, in May 1999, the university announced its decision to reschedule the beginning of winter quarter 2000 by two days. Classes will begin Wednesday, January 5, 2000 instead of January 3, as originally scheduled. Classes scheduled on Monday, January 3 will be rescheduled for Friday, January 7, and classes scheduled for Friday, January 7 will be cancelled. The residence halls open Tuesday, January 4, 2000 at 9:00am. Appropriate staff will be on campus December 31 and January 1 to identify and resolve any Y2K-related issues. University offices and operations will be open as usual on Monday and Tuesday, January 3 and 4, to provide additional assistance to identify and address any problems that arise.

The university is working aggressively towards informing faculty, staff, students and parents about procedures, sources of information and conditions which might affect the return to campus and the start Winter Quarter classes. A toll-free phone number, 1-877-OSU-CLAS, dedicated to Y2K-related issues and the rescheduling of classes, will be activated on December 1 for callers to receive up-to-date information. A web site for Y2K-related information is available at www.osu.edu/year2000

For additional information, please contact your college/unit Y2K coordinator or send email Y2K related questions to osuy2k@osu.edu

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ROGER'S REPORT

AGRICULTURAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENT PREPARATION BY DEGREE BY FALL COHORT: 1995 -1999

FALL COHORT ENGLISH ACT

	95	96	97	98	99
ASMAX	30	28	28	29	28
ASAVG	18.5	17.8	16.7	17.8	18.4
ASMIN	12	8	10	9	11
AASMAX	29	30	30	30	28
AASAVG	17.2	15.8	16.0	15.9	16.3
AASMIN	11	8	7	7	6

MATH ACT

ASMAX	31	26	28	31	31
ASAVG	19.2	19.1	18.5	19.4	19.5
ASMIN	10	14	12	13	13
AASMAX	33	29	30	27	29
AASAVG	17.3	17.4	17.5	17.4	17.7
AASMIN	6	3	12	10	12

COMPOSITE ACT

ASMAX	28	28	26	32	29
ASAVG	18.2	19.3	18.5	19.4	19.7
ASMIN	12	11	12	11	14
AASMAX	27	29	32	28	27
AASAVG	15.9	17.7	17.8	17.6	17.8
AASMIN	7	11	10	10	11

HIGH SCHOOL RANK

ASMAX	98	97	97	95	99
ASAVG	63.0	58.0	51.0	54.0	53.0
ASMIN	15	9	3	3	6
AASMAX	99	96	100	100	98
AASAVG	48.0	50.5	51.3	48.5	48.8
AASMIN	2	1	1	4	2